

2. Come, AGNI, Mther: invoker (of the gods),
sit *down* : ^a be our preceeder ;' for thou art irresistible.
May the all-expansive heaven and earth defend
theej that thou rnayest worship the gods to their
great satisfaction.
3. Utterly consume all the *Rdkshasas* ^
AGXI ; and
b3 the protector of our sacrifices
against- interrup-
tion. Bring Mther the guardian of the *Soma* juice,
(INDRA)j^b with his steeds, that we may show hos-
pitality to the giver of good.
4. 1 invoke (thee), who art the conveyer (of
oblations), with thy flames., with a hymn productive
of progeny (to the worshipper). Sit down here, with
the gods;, and do thou, who art deserving of wor-
ship, discharge the office of *Hotri*, or of *Potri* ^ and
awaken us, thou who art the depositary and gene-
rator of riches.
5. As_? at the sacrifice of the holy MASOJS, thou?
a sage amongst sages, didst worship the gods with
oblations, so, also, AGNI, veracious invoker of the
gods_f do thou to-day (present the oblations) with an
exhilarating ladle.

1. What (oblations) may we offer
to **Aoxi** ?

^s In the chamber where burnt-offerings are
presented.

^b *Sor.iapati*, which is a rather unusual
appellative of *Indr@*.

The latter name is not in the text ; but the deity is
indicated by
haribhyan, his two steeds.